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News Release

Ordinance Limits Activity on County Property

August 7, 2012, Monroe, NC – The Union County Board of Commissioners have endorsed an ordinance that would limit activities on County property.

Union County has a significant interest in protecting the health, safety and welfare of the general public and preserving public order, as well as preserving the aesthetics, cleanliness and proper sanitation of County property. Maintaining the safety of people using County property and reducing the risk of liability resulting from the use of County property is also important.

Recent activity in other cities and counties throughout the nation have resulted in public facilities and properties being taken over, not only by peaceful protest groups, but radical direct-action organizations and violent anarchist groups whose expressed objective is to disrupt the operation of or deny access to these public properties and facilities. These radical protest actions create conditions detrimental to the health, safety or welfare of its citizens and the peace and dignity of the county.

The ordinance prohibits activity on County property such as camping, possession of obstruction devices, possession and dispersal of noxious substances, crossing police lines or barricades, setting a fire and more. To view the ordinance, visit www.co.union.nc.us and click on News.

The intent of the ordinance is not to curtail peaceful protests, but to prevent or stop conduct that disrupts or interferes with the ability of citizens to access and enjoy public properties and facilities.

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